



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
~ Maya Angelou

January 9, 2013

Mentoring Teens

You can be a mentor for a teen in the Stepping Stones program by sharing your excitement about a specific hobby or talent to an interested teenager, usually some time between the hours of 3 and 8 p.m. Volunteers also interact with teens through the 'Be Active' program and by providing transportation to outings such as rock climbing, bowling, YMCA, hiking and skating. Minimum age is 20. Please contact Alysia Fornal at (812) 339-9771 or afornal@steppingstones-inc.org. (www.steppingstones-inc.org)

CASA Child Advocates Needed – Apps due Feb. 8

Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA volunteers, change the lives of abused and neglected children by representing their best interests in court. CASA volunteers monitor the child's health and education, help identify the best interests of the child, submit recommendations to the court, and are sworn officers of the court. Monroe County CASA urgently needs community members like you to become child advocates as children are currently on a waitlist. Applications are currently being accepted for the upcoming training, which will be 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Tues. and Fri. from Feb. 19 to Apr. 2. Applications are due Feb. 8. Child advocates must be at least 21, have reliable transportation, and have daytime flexibility. The average time commitment is 10-15 hours a month. Please contact Amanda Wyatt at (812) 333-2272 ext. 14 or info@monroecountycasa.org/volunteer. (www.monroecountycasa.org)

Basic Mediation Training – Feb. 9, 10, 23, 24

The Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) is offering 'Basic Mediation Training' from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 9, 10, 23 and 24 at the IU Maurer School of Law. Participants must attend both weekends to complete the course. Tuition is \$200 with discounts possible for students with financial need. The class size is limited to 24. While the training is provided to build CJAMs ranks of trained volunteer mediators, it is valuable for anyone who regularly encounters conflict, such as teachers, ministers, journalists, lawyers, counselors, social service and health care providers, law enforcement officers, and human resource managers. CJAM is a leader in collaborative decision-making, conflict resolution and restorative justice. Its mediators work with business managers, customers, homeowners, landlords, roommates, non-profit boards, juvenile offenders and victims of crime. Minimum age is 16. Please contact them at (812) 336-8677 or training@cjamcenter.org. (<http://cjamcenter.wordpress.com>)

Sort Clothing at My Sister's Closet

My Sister's Closet boutique, which provides workplace clothing to women who are seeking employment, has received a multitude of donations this winter, and needs help in January to get them ready for the sales floor! A two-hour shift, even just once this month, would be helpful! Minimum age is 18, or 16 if with an adult. Please contact Laura Robinson at (812) 327-3581 or robinslj@indiana.edu. (www.sisterscloset.org)

Interact Regularly with an International Student

Bloomington Worldwide Friendship (BWF), which matches adult volunteers with international students and scholars, encourages you to offer your kindness to a student starting IU this semester. Volunteers help students far from home learn about the community and American culture through shared activities like planning meals together, hiking and attending community events. BWF works to match volunteers with students that share your interests. Individuals and families are welcome. Please contact Anne Bright at (812) 334-9954 or bloomingtonworldwidefriendship@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonworldwidefriendship.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Hilltop Garden and Nature Center

Provides a central place for research and education in gardening and nature; demonstrates how gardening deepens our awareness of all of nature around us. To grant a wish, contact Lea Woodard at hilltop@indiana.edu or (812) 855-8808. (2367 E. 10th St.; www.iub.edu/~hilltop)

Wishes: adult and children's garden gloves, garden sprinklers, hoses, clean spray bottles, sheets, curtains, digital scale, paper grocery bags, vegetable seeds, baskets with handles

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

